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INTERVIEW SUMMARY AND REMARKS

The Examiner and Attorney for Applicant discussed the claims in the case in an interview by telephone on June 20, 2005. The Attorney for Applicant appreciates the Examiner's open consideration of the arguments presented.

All non-allowed independent claims were discussed. It was agreed that claims 27 and 28 were allowed based on merits of the prior remarks—the limitations are not shown or suggested in view of the teachings of Shea. It was also agreed that the prior art did not teach or suggest a spring-loaded bail handle, and particularly a spring-loaded handle made of the preferred material titanium. Thus, the Examiner agreed that claims 1, 9 and 48, and their dependents were also in condition for allowance. It was also agreed that the limitation of "titanium" could be removed from claim 1 and added back as a dependent claim (now claim 51). Similar amendment was made to claim 48 (with new claim 50). No agreement to claim 14 was reached, so the limitations of dependent claim 46 (and 42 on which it depended) which was previously objected to but indicated as allowable, was added to claim 14. Thus, now claim 14 and all dependent claims thereon are in condition for allowance. Therefore, claims 1, 3-18, 27-29, 31-41, 43-51 and 47-51 are now in condition for allowance.

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Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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